

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FROM

James 5:7-11

OPEN IT

- What kinds of experiences try your patience?
- What good things in life are worth waiting for?

EXPLORE IT

- **5:7** What do we need to do as we wait for the Lord's return?
- **5:7** What illustration did James use to describe the patience we need?
- **5:8** When will the Lord's coming occur?
- **5:8** Why should we be patient about Christ's return?
- **5:9** **Why should we avoid judging others or grumbling against them?**
- **5:9** **What will happen to Christians who grumble against their fellow believers?**
- **5:10-11** **What people serve as good examples to us? How?**
- **5:11** In what ways does God help us when we must endure suffering?

GET IT

- **How does God use others to build patience in our lives?**
- What makes it hard to wait on God's timing?
- What kind of changes does God want to make in us over an extended period of time?
- How have you suffered as a Christian?
- What blessing or reward came to you for suffering as a Christian?
- How will God reward us if we are patient?
- What does it mean to stand firm as a Christian?
- What lessons from Job's experience can we apply to our lives?
- **For what kinds of reasons do Christians judge each other?**
- What causes us to grumble against each other?
- What does God think about Christians fighting among themselves?

APPLY IT

- With what situation/problem can you ask God for help and patience this week?
- **What steps will you take this week to avoid judging others in your home? Workplace? Church?**